

REMARKS

Claim 1-12 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner, in the first item of the Office Action, indicates that claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keum et al, US Patent 5,838,803. In response to the Examiner's indication, claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled as set forth above. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's indication is no longer applicable to the present application.

The Examiner, in the second item of the Office Action, indicates that claims 2 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keum. In response to the Examiner's indication, claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled as set forth above. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's indication is no longer applicable to the present application.

The Examiner, in the third item of the Office Action, indicates that claims 3 through 6, 9 through 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response to the Examiner's indication, claim 3 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 1, and claim 9 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 7. New claim 13 has been created without adding new matter to include the limitations of claim 2 to be dependent upon the amended claim 3 which is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the prior arts of record. New claim 14 has been created to include the limitations of claim 8 without adding any new matter to be dependent upon the amended claim 9 which is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the prior arts of record.

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For the above reasons it is believed that the application and claims as amended is now in proper condition for allowance, and reconsideration and early allowance of the amended application is respectfully solicited.

If any fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 33625.

Respectfully submitted,

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